MDCH Implementation

General

Q. Where can I get a copy of the 1343 form? (1343 form = Billing Agent Authorization)

A. Call provider enrollment (517) 335-5492

Q. We receive files monthly through the Data Exchange Gateway (DEG) that lists those individuals enrolled in Medicaid and covered by our agency. Will that continue?

A. For the time being, you will continue to receive your list of enrollees through the DEG. As progress toward HIPAA compliance continues, that will change. Enrollment information will be transmitted using the 820 and 834 formats. These will be ready for testing by April 1, 2003 leading to full implementation by October 16, 2003.

Maximus/MediFax

Q. Will Maximus, MediFax be required to meet HIPAA deadlines? Will MDCH coordinate this and communicate the same?

A. Vendors are not covered entities under the HIPAA guidelines. MDCH will assure HIPAA compliance based on the Business associate agreement that MDCH has with their contractors.

Q. Today we use Medifax to determine Michigan Medicaid eligibility. Will MDCH continue to use Medifax for Michigan Medicaid eligibility? If not (or if you know about Medifax timing), when will the 270 & 271 transactions be available for testing? And when will we be required to transition to the 270/271 4010 version?

A. We have approved the Medifax EDI contract thru May 2005. The requirement by HIPAA to convert to the 270/271 is October 2003. Providers can contact Gavin Johnson, Medifax EDI, at (615) 565-2165 or by e-mail at gavin.johnson@medifax.com for information concerning X12 testing. The X12 has not been approved but we have allowed providers to test it and Medifax EDI makes sure that they know it could change.

Trading Partners

Q. Will trading partner agreements be needed?

A. Yes. Trading partner agreements will be needed between entities as it relates to the exchange of health information in electronic transactions between those entities.

Q. Does HIPAA require testing with trading partners ?

A. No. However testing will allow the trading partner to identify errors that can be corrected prior to going live.